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Augustine Casino Evacuates as Part of Emergency Preparedness Drill

COACHELLA, Calif. – Augustine Casino held a full evacuation of its facilities this morning at 8 a.m. as part of a new Emergency Preparedness program. Casino management arranged the surprise evacuation to demonstrate to employees and patrons alike that emergency situations can come up at anytime and the casino is prepared to handle them.

“It is very important for our employees to go through an unscheduled drill so they are better prepared in the event of a real emergency. There are so many factors that we may not have anticipated. This is the best way to improve on our procedures already in place,” said Chairperson Green of the Augustine Tribe. “Safety is our number one priority and we will do whatever we can to promote a safe environment for our visitors. We appreciate the cooperation from local emergency services during our drill. I think we are all better prepared after going through it.”

An estimated 300 patrons and 140 employees were evacuated from the casino as part of the drill. Guests and employees were led to a nearby parking lot as security and facility employees secured the property as part of emergency procedures. Guests received a free Emergency Preparedness first aid kit for participating and employees wore t-shirts that said “Stay Alert – Stay Alive.” Augustine is one of the first businesses in the Coachella Valley to hold a full emergency drill involving both employees and guests.

The Emergency Preparedness drill is part of a program implemented recently at the casino to proactively address potential emergency situations. Employees received an initial training session that covered potential emergency situations and the actions employees would take if such emergencies occurred. The goal of the evacuation drill was to put employees and guests through a simulated situation to become better prepared to handle a real life situation.

For more information on Augustine Casino or its emergency preparedness program, please contact Lesley Henrie at 760-534-0202 or lhenrie@augustinecasino.com.

About Augustine Casino

Augustine Casino is located on Avenue 54 in the Coachella Valley just three miles east of PGA West. The casino offers 800 of the newest slot machines, 10 table games, 2 bars, a newly renovated 180-seat Café 54 restaurant featuring a full buffet, and the Menyikish Bar and Grill. Augustine Casino is known as the locals’ casino and features the friendliest atmosphere in the Coachella Valley.

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